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Dear Paul,

As of now, if I had another month or six weeks to prepare for going to N.O., I'd probably get my files fairly well straightened out. That is, if there were not always other chores. One of this morning will, I think, interest you: I have arranged with them for the Phil Willises to testify in New Orleans. He will have his original picture, including those unpublished, will testify as he was not asked to by Liebel, and his wife will testify to seeing the President's head go backward. I will also have a chance to go over his unpublished pictures with him.

Somehow attached to the copy of the Oswald Dallas arrest report I found a copy of your very good 11/26/66 memo on Hoover's 11/24 statement, as it appeared in the NYTimes. I believe he is a bit touchy on this. He never did answer my request for a copy. It had been promised, by phone, and never arrived, so I wrote him. You see, I believe they intercepted a copy of WHII, in which, for the first time anywhere, the Z charges were contained, but not yet issued.

I think I put this aside intending it as a reminder of some kind or another. I have been aware of much if not all the contents, have and use the cited stories, I think in PM, and have often wondered (not as Thompson) on all this fudging. The necktie part is also interesting. I have not as yet reached any conclusion on what, if anything, all this means except they were all crooks.

I also think I forgot this in MOST MORTUUM. If I did, I'll have to add it and would prefer to do so separately, because that is and has been typed for the offset camera and indexed. Therefore, only the most urgent changes should be made. The purpose of this letter is to ask you, when you have time (is it wrong to assume you ever do?), you reread and rethink this, in the light of what we have since learned, and decide whether you have any new thoughts. Perhaps, as captions, I might find a place to include some of it under the appropriate documents in the appendix.

You may also want to reread the addition to WHITEWASH on what was omitted from the FBI reports, especially in the light of Hoover's testimony on what Johnson ordered him to do and the press accounts that his was to have been the definitive report.

I presume you know the Shaneyfelt copy of the Secret Service copy was substituted for it as Ex 904. I have all this confirmed, in writing, and that the Secret Service has not deposited its copies in the Archives, as I interpret Clark's order to require. I have this in writing, too.

Harriedly,